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House Bills

HB 2076-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Williams, Condotta, Newhouse, and Ormsby)

Creating a wine and beer tasting pilot project in grocery stores.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the liquor control board to establish a pilot project to allow beer and wine tasting in grocery stores licensed under RCW 66.24.360.

Provides the pilot project shall consist of thirty locations with at least six tastings to be conducted at each location between October 1, 2008, and September 30, 2009. However, no licensee may hold more than one tasting per month during the project period.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Jan 29 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2434-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Hunt, and Nelson)

Providing an employee of the county legislative authority may be appointed to the county canvassing board.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides the chair of the county legislative body may designate another member of the county legislative body or, in a county with over five hundred thousand registered voters, an employee of the legislative body who reports directly to the chair.

Provides members of the county canvassing board designated by the county auditor, county prosecuting attorney, or chair of the county legislative body shall complete training as provided in RCW 29A.04.540 and shall take an oath of office similar to that taken by county auditors and deputy auditors in the performance of their duties.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass.
- Jan 29 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2506-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representative O'Brien)

Creating the Washington joint analytical center.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the Washington joint analytical center. Makes an appropriation of four million six hundred thousand dollars from the general fund to the Washington state patrol for the purposes of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2507-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally

sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Ormsby, Hurst, Goodman, VanDeWege, Liias, Barlow, Green, Kelley, Warnick, and Simpson)

Expanding the statewide first responder building mapping information system to higher education facilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to map The Evergreen State College and all of the state's community and technical colleges and place the data into the statewide first responder building mapping information system and, in consultation with the council of presidents, to study the addition of four-year institutions of higher education to the statewide first responder building mapping information system.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Jan 29 Referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2514-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Quall, Appleton, McCoy, Morris, McIntire, Nelson, Kagi, and Upthegrove)

Protecting orca whales from the impacts from vessels.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Encourages the state's law enforcement agencies to utilize existing statutes and regulations to protect southern resident orca whales from impacts from vessels.

Provides for certain unlawful acts when approaching, intercepting, or feeding a southern resident orca whale, and provides for certain exemptions from these acts.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the state parks and recreation commission to disseminate certain information to educate Washington's citizens on how to reduce the risk of disturbing southern resident orca whales.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Jan 25 Minority; do not pass.
Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review.

HB 2520-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Hudgins, Pedersen, Dickerson, Hasegawa, Walsh, Campbell, VanDeWege, Liias, Barlow, Green, and Kelley)

Creating a domestic violence pilot program to colocate a domestic violence advocate in a department of social and health services office.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires, by January 2009, the department of social and health services to create a pilot program to place a full-time domestic violence advocate in a minimum of one office of the division of children and family services in order to provide domestic violence safety planning, advocacy, information, and support to adult victims of domestic violence who are receiving services from the division of children and family services offices, and to increase the capacity of division of children and family services

workers to identify and respond effectively to domestic violence in their caseloads.

Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to evaluate the pilot program to determine the outcomes of the program.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 ELCS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2533-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Chase, and Quall)

Concerning attachments to utility poles of locally regulated utilities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates attachments to utility poles of locally regulated utilities.

Requires that a just and reasonable rate charged by a locally regulated utility assure the locally regulated utility the recovery of not less than all the additional costs of procuring and maintaining pole attachments nor more than the actual capital and operating expenses, including just compensation, of the locally regulated utility attributable to that portion of the pole, duct, or conduit used for the pole attachment, including a share of the required support and clearance space, in proportion to the space used for the pole attachment, as compared to all other uses made of the subject facilities and uses that remain available to the owner or owners of the subject facilities.

Requires that a locally regulated utility respond to a licensee's request to attach within forty-five days except in extraordinary circumstances.

Provides that any dispute between the locally regulated utility and a licensee, including disputes over a specific request to attach must first be presented to the governing board of the locally regulated utility for resolution.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2535-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Hunt, Seaquist, Appleton, Nelson, and Chase)

Allowing local governments to adopt moratoria and other interim official controls under the shoreline management act.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows local governments to adopt moratoria and other interim official controls under the shoreline management act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 24 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Jan 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2539-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally

sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, VanDeWege, Green, Simpson, and Loomis)

Concerning methamphetamine task forces.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires local law enforcement agencies, local jurisdictions, and community organizations that seek a state grant to fund a methamphetamine task force to first match, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, state moneys allocated for methamphetamine task forces with local cash resources or in-kind funds. Moneys allocated by the state must be used to supplement, not supplant, other federal, state, local, or in-kind funds or resources used for methamphetamine task force operations and associated services.

Provides that grants awarded to local law enforcement agencies shall be used solely for the operating costs of methamphetamine task forces.

Makes an appropriation of one million dollars from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2560-S by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Cody, Morrell, Rolfes, Chase, Barlow, Green, and Loomis)

Defining small employers for purposes of health insurance coverage.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies the definition of "small employer" and "employee" for purposes of health insurance coverage.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 29 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2582-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Hasegawa, Ormsby, Jarrett, Sells, Williams, Appleton, McIntire, Goodman, Green, and Quall)

Regarding child care at institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Encourages programs for high quality, accessible, and affordable child care for students at higher education institutions.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to administer the programs for such purposes.

Requires the higher education coordinating board and the state board for community and technical colleges to report on child care at their institutions and to report on the status of program design and implementation within their institutions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2695-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Campbell, Hasegawa, Green, Schual-Berke, Darneille, Williams, McDonald, Wood, Santos, Goodman, Ericks, and Kagi)

Creating a pilot program to screen children for lead poisoning.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the department of health shall, as part of its ongoing childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts, facilitate the screening and identification of children under six years old that have elevated levels of lead in their bloodstream.

Requires that by January 1, 2009, the department of health shall develop and begin implementation of a two-year pilot program for screening children at risk for elevated blood lead levels.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2712-S by House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Hurst, Ross, Dickerson, Newhouse, Conway, Morrell, Roach, Kelley, and Ormsby)

Concerning criminal street gangs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Calls for the governor's juvenile justice advisory committee to issue a request for proposal to implement five pilot projects throughout the state that focus on combating criminal street gangs and violence.

Establishes a grant program to local law enforcement agencies.

Provides for a statewide gang information database.

Addresses civil injunctions.

Provides for an increase in sentences for adults who recruit juveniles, expansion of the list of aggravating factors, community custody for unlawful possession of a firearm, and requires courts to notify department of corrections and jails that an offender is a gang member.

Makes subsequent convictions of malicious mischief 3 a gross misdemeanor offense.

Provides for a civil cause of action for graffiti and tagging and defines criminal street gangs.

Establishes a gang relocation assistance program.

Requires a study on best practices to reduce gang involvement while incarcerated.

Makes appropriations.

Provides preemptions for certain definitions used in the act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 PSEP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2783-S by House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Chase, Anderson, Sells, Haigh, Roberts, Hasegawa, Morrell, Sullivan, Kenney, and Hudgins)

Regarding transfer and articulation between institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group of representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the council of presidents, and two-year and four-year institutions of higher education to develop a list of rights guaranteed to students who have earned a transfer associate degree under the direct transfer agreement, develop a common set of course numbers for lower division general education courses that are generally accepted in transfer between two-year and four-year institutions of higher education as well as between four-year institutions of higher education, and develop a system of identification that distinguishes the lower division general education courses that are generally transferrable as lower division general education, major or preparation for a major, or elective courses from two-year institutions of higher education to four-year institutions of higher education from courses that do not generally transfer outside an academic transfer degree in order to enable students to identify generally transferable courses at the time of registration.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group including representatives from the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, the council of presidents, two-year institutions of higher education, and four-year institutions of higher education to develop a plan to monitor the progress and success of transfer students.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to convene a work group that includes representatives from the workforce training and education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, institutions of higher education, the independent colleges of Washington, the center for information services, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create a detailed plan for developing and implementing a statewide web-based academic planning tool.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 24 HE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 3216-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Morris, Upthegrove, Hudgins, Loomis, Kelley, Morrell, VanDeWege, Ericks, Hankins, and Eddy)

Developing wave and tidal energy technologies in Washington.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development and the energy facility site evaluation council to convene and cochair a work group to develop the Washington state center for excellence in hydrokinetic energy and develop a unique one-stop permit process for both wave power and tidal power projects.

Requires the work group to ensure that the center is a public-private entity and that the center supports a sustainable approach to hydrokinetic energy development aimed at economic development, environmental protection, and community stability, and to make certain recommendations to the legislature.

Requires the work group to provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature containing its recommendations as well as draft legislation implementing its recommendations, by December 1, 2008.

Requires, by June 30, 2010, the work group to provide a final report to the legislature on the one-stop programmatic permitting process proposed by the work group as required by this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Jan 29 Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review.

HB 3306 by Representatives Wallace and Dunn

Regarding electronic learning at institutions of higher education.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to convene a work group that includes representatives from the workforce training and education coordinating board, the prosperity partnership, the technology alliance, the Washington online campus of the state board for community and technical colleges, a private career or vocational school, a four-year public institution of higher education, the council of faculty representatives, and a community or technical college student to take actions related to electronic learning listed in the act.

Requires the work group to report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Higher Education.

HB 3307 by Representatives Kessler, DeBolt, Haigh, Alexander, Sullivan, Skinner, Eddy, Priest, Blake, Bailey, VanDeWege, Kristiansen, Newhouse, Orcutt, Eickmeyer, McDonald, McCune, Conway, Campbell, Roach, Hurst, Kenney, and Dunn

Providing excise tax exemptions for log haulers.

Provides chapter 82.04 RCW does not apply to amounts received by a person in respect to the business of log hauling in the state of Washington. To qualify for the exemption, the person's vehicle must be subject to the licensing fee in schedule A of RCW 46.16.070 and the logs must be processed in the state of Washington.

Provides chapter 82.16 RCW does not apply to amounts received by a person in respect to the business of log hauling in the state of Washington. To qualify for the exemption, the person's vehicle must be subject to the licensing fee in schedule A of RCW 46.16.070 and the logs must be processed in the state of Washington.

Provides this act expires June 30, 2010.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3308 by Representatives Hunt, Haigh, DeBolt, Kessler, Skinner, Alexander, Blake, Bailey, VanDeWege, Newhouse, Kristiansen, Eickmeyer,

McDonald, Loomis, Campbell, McIntire, Hurst, Kenney, and Dunn

Providing property tax relief for farm and agricultural property damaged in the 2007 floods.

Provides farm and agricultural land subject to valuation under chapter 84.34 RCW, and personal property located on the land, are exempt from taxes levied for any state purpose for three years. The farm and agricultural land must be located in a county designated as a disaster area in December 2007. The exemption under this act applies to taxes levied for collection in 2007, 2008, and 2009. Property taxes paid during calendar year 2007 are subject to refund under RCW 84.69.020. Property exempt under this act is not eligible for abatement for state property taxes under chapter 84.70 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 3309 by Representatives Ormsby, Kretz, Blake, Linville, and Kenney; by request of Governor Gregoire

Regarding the Columbia river water delivery account.

Creates the Columbia river water delivery account in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

Provides, on July 1, 2008, and each July 1st thereafter for the duration of the agreements described in this act, the state treasurer shall transfer funds from the general fund into the Columbia river water delivery account in the amounts described in this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 3310 by Representative Darneille

Licensing music therapists.

Licenses and regulates music therapists.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 3311 by Representatives Simpson, Pedersen, Sullivan, Kirby, Kenney, Williams, Conway, Eddy, Hasegawa, Cody, Nelson, Hudgins, Sells, Ericks, Wallace, Appleton, Rolfes, and Chase

Concerning regional transportation governing authorities.

Declares that it is the policy of the state to provide regional transit authorities and the voters in the state's most populous region with funding sources required to address urgently needed and underfunded regional transportation needs.

Allows a regional transit authority to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters, and if approved, may levy and collect an excise tax at a rate approved by the voters but not exceeding eighty one-hundredths of one percent on the value, under chapter 82.44 RCW, of every motor vehicle owned by a resident of the authority, solely for the purpose of providing high capacity transportation service.

Allows a regional transit authority under chapter 81.112 RCW to fix and impose an annual vehicle fee, not to exceed

one hundred dollars per vehicle registered within the boundaries of the authority, for each vehicle subject to license tab fees under RCW 46.16.0621 and for each vehicle subject to gross weight fees under RCW 46.16.070 with an unladen weight of six thousand pounds or less. This fee is independent of any annual vehicle fee imposed by other entities within the authority's boundaries under RCW 82.80.140.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 3312 by Representative Chase

Regarding biological remediation technologies for on-site sewage disposal systems.

Provides manufacturers of biological remediation technologies for use in the recovery of failed drainfields of on-site sewage disposal systems must provide documentation of verified product performance as required in this act to the local health jurisdiction where the product will be installed.

Allows biological remediation technology to be used in on-site sewage disposal systems not in a state of failure for the purpose of preventing clogged infiltrative surfaces.

Requires the state board of health to adopt rules by July 1, 2010, for verification of biological remediation products performance and use of products with verified performance for use in failing on-site sewage disposal systems.

Requires the state board of health to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by July 1, 2009, on the progress of rule making, as well as the successes and failures of biological remediation technology.

Allows a local health jurisdiction to issue a no fee permit for use of biological remediation products in failing on-site sewage disposal systems.

Provides only on-site wastewater treatment system designers licensed under chapter 18.210 RCW, installers approved by the local health officer to install on-site sewage disposal systems or components, or professional engineers licensed under chapter 18.43 RCW are permitted to install biological remediation products for use in failing on-site sewage disposal systems.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Select Committee on Environmental Health.

HB 3313 by Representatives Bailey, Takko, Morrell, Seaquist, Linville, Rodne, Kristiansen, Ericksen, Ericks, Herrera, Kenney, Miloscia, Sommers, Warnick, Haler, Jarrett, McIntire, Quall, and Dunn

Designating coffee as the state beverage.

Designates coffee as the official beverage of the state of Washington.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 3314 by Representatives Ormsby, Haler, Schual-Berke, and Hunt

Concerning loans made by the community economic revitalization board.

Allows the board to make direct loans to political subdivisions of the state and to federally recognized Indian tribes for the purposes of assisting the political subdivisions and federally recognized Indian tribes in financing the cost of public works projects that support affordable rental and owner-occupied housing, including the planning, construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of sidewalks, streets and roads, bridges, power utilities, water systems, storm and sanitary sewage systems, and solid waste facilities.

Creates the affordable housing infrastructure account in the state treasury. All receipts from appropriations made to the account, repayments of loans made pursuant to RCW 43.160.060(1)(b), and other sources identified by the legislature must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes identified in RCW 43.160.060(1)(b).

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 3315 by Representatives Morrell, Bailey, Santos, Kenney, Cody, Simpson, Roberts, Linville, Kelley, and Campbell

Addressing the needs of an aging population within the growth management act.

Provides, wherever possible, the land use element should consider utilizing urban planning approaches that promote the needs of the aging population.

Provides the housing element consider the needs of the aging population.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 3316 by Representatives Hunt and Wood

Licensing soil and wetland scientists.

Licenses and regulates the practice of soil science and wetland science as a profession by establishing minimum standards of ethical conduct and professional responsibility and by establishing professional education and experience requirements for those persons representing to the public that they are soil scientists or wetland scientists.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 3317 by Representatives Hunter, Anderson, McIntire, and Santos

Regarding standards and curriculum in mathematics and science.

Provides the legislature intends to amend the timelines and process for revising state learning standards and identifying the recommended curricula that align with those standards in the content areas of mathematics and science.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 3318 by Representatives Fromhold, Kenney, and Santos

Regarding capital grants for child care facilities.

Requires the department of early learning, in consultation with the department of community, trade, and economic development to establish a competitive process to solicit proposals for and prioritize projects that assist nonprofit organizations in acquiring, constructing, or rehabilitating facilities, including portable structures, used for the delivery of child care services.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 3319 by Representative Kirby

Addressing residential mortgage loans.

Provides a mortgage broker, designated broker, loan originator, and other persons working with or for mortgage brokers must act in the borrower's best interest and in the utmost good faith toward the borrower, and shall not compromise a borrower's right or interest in favor of another's right or interest, including a right or interest of the mortgage broker. A mortgage broker, designated broker, loan originator, and other persons working with or for mortgage brokers shall not accept, provide, or charge any undisclosed compensation or realize any undisclosed remuneration that inures to the benefit of the mortgage broker on an expenditure made for the borrower.

Requires financial institutions subject to this act to use sound underwriting principles and to adopt and adhere to the interagency guidance on nontraditional mortgage product risks and the statement on subprime mortgage lending.

Provides a financial institution may not make or facilitate the origination of a residential mortgage loan that includes a prepayment penalty or fee that extends beyond sixty days prior to the initial reset period of an adjustable rate mortgage or five years after the date of the closing of the loan.

Provides if the borrower has a loan that will be refinanced, the financial institution must provide the borrower with a written side-by-side comparison chart prior to making the loan.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection.

HB 3320 by Representatives Hinkle, Warnick, Bailey, Armstrong, and Dunn

Allowing employers to pay a fixed minimum wage in exchange for creating accounts to pay for health related expenses of employees.

Allows employers to elect to pay employees the adjusted minimum wage rate published in Washington State Register (WSR) 07-24-022 instead of the adjusted minimum wage rate calculated under RCW 49.46.020(4)(b). If an employer elects to pay the adjusted minimum wage rate published in WSR 07-24-022, the employer shall deposit the difference between that rate and the adjusted minimum rate calculated under RCW 49.46.020(4)(b) to accounts established for employees to pay for health related expenses, including, but not limited to, health savings

accounts, health reimbursement accounts, and voluntary employee beneficiary associations.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4033 by Representative Chase

Requesting the abolition of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

Requests that the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which was enacted December 8, 2004, be abolished, and that no recreational fees be imposed on federal lands within the State of Washington under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ecology & Parks.

Senate Bills

SB 5179-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama and Rasmussen)

Modifying snowmobile registration provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 46.10.020 regarding the operation of snowmobiles.

Modifies provisions related to snowmobile registration.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5261-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Franklin, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, and Kline; by request of Insurance Commissioner)

Granting the insurance commissioner the authority to review individual health benefit plan rates.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Grants the insurance commissioner the authority to review and disapprove individual health benefit plan rates.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 Public hearing in committee.

Feb 8 Executive session in committee.

Mar 19 Public hearing in committee.

Mar 22 Executive session in committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Held on third reading.

Jan 30 Third reading, passed; yeas, 31; nays, 18; absent, 0; excused, 0.

SB 6184-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Eide, Weinstein, McCaslin, Hargrove, Regala, Hatfield, Carrell, Tom, Franklin, Zarelli, Kline, Haugen, Keiser, Fairley, Hobbs, Marr, Kastama, Berkey, Delvin, Brandland, Spanel, Murray, Prentice, Holmquist, Hewitt, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Sheldon, Oemig, Morton, Pflug, Roach, Pridemore, McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Parlette, Kauffman, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Stevens, Kilmer, Swecker, Honeyford, Schoesler, King, and McDermott)

Addressing most serious offenses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that any out-of-state conviction for a felony offense with a finding of sexual motivation if the minimum sentence imposed was ten years or more constitutes a most serious offense.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6217-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senator Hatfield)

Regarding fees allowed as court costs in district courts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that clerks of the district courts shall collect certain fees for preparing copies made on compact disc, processing ex parte orders, performing historical searches, compiling statistical reports, and conducting exceptional record searches.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6220-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Parlette, Pflug, Prentice, and Kohl-Welles)

Allowing the delegation of nursing tasks to care for persons with diabetes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares the intent to modify nurse delegation statutes to the extent needed to enable elderly persons and persons with disabilities who have diabetes to continue to reside in their own home or other home-like settings.

Provides that in community-based or in-home care settings, the tasks of diabetic insulin device set up and verbal verification of insulin dosage for sight-impaired individuals is not required to be delegated from a registered nurse to a registered or certified nursing assistant.

Declares that the administration of insulin by injection to certified nursing assistants for the purpose of caring for individuals with diabetes may be delegated.

Provides that before commencing the care of individuals with diabetes that involves administration of insulin by injection, the certified nursing assistant must provide to the delegating nurse a certificate of completion issued by the department of social and health services indicating completion of specialized diabetes nurse delegation training.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6222-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, and Franklin)

Expanding programs for persons needing long-term care.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the long-term care system should utilize evidence-based practices for the prevention and management of chronic disease to improve the general health of Washingtonians over their lifetime and reduce health care and long-term care costs related to ineffective chronic care management.

Provides that when a facility provides respite care, before or at the time of admission, the facility must obtain certain information to meet the individual's anticipated needs.

Requires that agencies conducting family caregiver long-term care information and support services develop an evidence-based tailored caregiver assessment and referral tool and provide the option of a one-time voucher benefit per caregiver screened to meet the needs critical to health or safety of either the adult care recipient or the caregiver.

Provides that the community based services for low-income eligible persons shall include long-term care planning and options counseling.

Requires that the department of health shall develop a statewide fall prevention program.

Requires additional support for residents in community settings who exhibit challenging behaviors that put them at risk for institutional placement.

Establishes two seniors dental access projects.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6230-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Murray)

Regarding watchable wildlife.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires until December 1, 2010, the department to carry out a watchable wildlife raffle pilot project.

Provides the pilot project must consist of no fewer than three separate watchable wildlife raffles and associated tours. The department shall select raffle winners from the pool of watchable wildlife decal holders. The department shall provide raffle winners with a wildlife viewing tour on department owned or managed lands. The tour should provide participants with a desirable, high quality, and rare wildlife viewing experience. The department shall seek to publicize the raffles and tours, including the tour destinations, to increase public awareness of the department's watchable wildlife program, watchable wildlife decals, and the pilot project.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Jan 30 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6243-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senator Carrell)

Addressing court discretion to order community custody.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies court discretion to order community custody in cases where the offender's term of confinement is one year or less.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6260-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Swecker, Jacobsen, Morton, Schoesler, Sheldon, Murray, and Rasmussen)

Facilitating outdoor recreational opportunities for the terminally ill.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Allows, in order to facilitate hunting and fishing opportunities for terminally or seriously ill children, the director to provide any licenses, tags, permits, stamps, and fees without charge or a transaction fee.

Allows the director to accept special permits or other special hunting opportunities, including raffle tags, auction tags, and multiple season opportunities from donors seeking to facilitate hunting opportunities for terminally or seriously ill persons.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6269-S by Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

Concerning the rights of airline passengers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the number of passenger complaints about the airline industry has increased significantly.

Provides the rights of airline passengers and the duties of airline carriers.

Establishes the office of the airline consumer advocate, created in the attorney general's office.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 CPH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6273-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Rasmussen)

Addressing the nondivisible gross weight limit of farm implements on public highways.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the nondivisible gross weight limit of farm implements on public highways.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6302-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Fairley, Kline, Franklin, and Regala)

Reporting of gifts, fees, or payments by pharmaceutical marketers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates gifts, grants, and gratuities made by pharmaceutical manufacturing companies, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity authorized to prescribe, dispense, or purchase prescription drugs in Washington.

Provides that the attorney general may bring an action in Thurston county superior court for injunctive relief, costs, and attorneys' fees, and to impose on a pharmaceutical manufacturing company that fails to comply with this chapter a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars per violation.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6309-S by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Regala,

Oemig, Pridemore, Murray, Marr, Hatfield, Kline, and Tom)

Requiring disclosure of greenhouse gas vehicle emissions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Intends that disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions serve as a means of educating consumers, other motorists, and the general public about the sources of greenhouse gas, their impact, available options, and in particular the role and contribution of automobiles and other motor vehicles.

Requires disclosure of comparative greenhouse gas emissions.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 WET - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6322-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Fairley, and Kline; by request of Board For Judicial Administration)

Revising the definition of a weapon.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that for the purposes of weapons prohibited in certain courthouse areas, "weapon" means any firearm, explosive as defined in RCW 70.74.010, or any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand club, or metal knuckles, or any knife, dagger, dirk, or other similar instrument or weapon that is capable of causing death or bodily injury and is commonly used with the intent to cause death or bodily injury.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 28 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6341-S by Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman, Delvin, and Marr)

Concerning electronic data recorders in motor vehicles.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires a manufacturer of a new motor vehicle that is sold or leased in this state and is equipped with an electronic data recorder to disclose that the motor vehicle is equipped with an electronic data recorder in the owner's manual for the motor vehicle including the types of data that the electronic data recorder records.

Provides that information recorded or transmitted by an electronic data recorder may not be retrieved, downloaded, or otherwise accessed by a person other than the owner of the motor vehicle in which the recording device is installed except under certain conditions.

Prohibits an insurer from refusing to renew a motor vehicle insurance policy solely because a motor vehicle owner refuses to provide access to recorded data from an electronic data recorder.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 CPH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 30 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6355-S by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)

Concerning the imposition of tolls.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a policy that is intended to guide subsequent legislation and decisions regarding the tolling of specific facilities and corridors.

Reserves the authority to impose tolls on any state transportation route or facility for the legislature.

Provides that unless otherwise delegated, only the legislature may authorize the imposition of tolls on eligible toll facilities. All revenue from an eligible toll facility must be used only to construct, improve, preserve, maintain, manage, or operate the eligible toll facility on or in which the revenue is collected.

Provides that unless these powers are otherwise delegated by the legislature, the transportation commission is the tolling authority for the state. The tolling authority shall: (1) Set toll rates, establish appropriate exemptions, if any, and make adjustments as conditions warrant on eligible toll facilities; and

(2) Review toll collection policies, toll operations policies, and toll revenue expenditures on the eligible toll facilities and report annually on this review to the legislature.

Provides that certain tolls, including any change in an existing toll rate, must first be reviewed and approved by the tolling authority if the tolls, or change in toll rate, would have a significant impact, as determined by the tolling authority, on the operation of any state facility.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6385-S by Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Weinstein, Kauffman, Fraser, Marr, Pridemore, Fairley, Brown, McAuliffe, and Kohl-Welles)

Concerning real property.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Imposes a duty on any construction professional involved in the construction of improvements upon real property intended for residential use, which may not be waived, to exercise reasonable care in the construction of the improvement.

Allows for damages to be recovered.

Declares that the act does not apply to condominiums subject to chapter 64.34 RCW.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 CPH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6437-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Hargrove, and Kline; by request of Department of Licensing)

Modifying provisions relating to bail bond and bail bond recovery agents.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, notwithstanding any contract between a bail bond agent and a bail bond recovery agent to the contrary, in any suit against a bail bond recovery agent for civil damages based upon the negligent act or omission of the bail bond recovery agent, the bail bond agent is liable for the negligent act or omission of the bail bond recovery agent, if the bail bond recovery agent was acting as the bail bond agent's servant, officer, contractor, agent, or employee.

Requires a bail bond agent or bail bond recovery agent to notify the director of licensing within ten business days following a forced entry for the purpose of apprehending a fugitive criminal defendant, whether planned or unplanned.

Provides that both performing the functions of a bail bond recovery agent without exercising due care to protect the safety of persons other than the defendant and the property of persons other than the defendant or using a dog in the apprehension of a fugitive criminal defendant constitute unprofessional conduct.

Provides that any law enforcement officer who assists in or is in attendance during a planned forced entry is immune from civil action for damages arising out of actions taken by the bail bond recovery agent or agents conducting the forced entry.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6442-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Stevens, Kline, Zarelli, Tom, Parlette, Hargrove, Swecker, Fraser, Pridemore, McDermott, and Kohl-Welles)

Modifying provisions relating to the office of public defense.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Removes the sunset termination of the office of public defense.

Revises the duties of the director of the office of public defense.

Revises the makeup and duties of the advisory committee.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6452-S by Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Housing (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Weinstein, Oemig, and Keiser)

Requiring certain borrower disclosures of yield spread premiums.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that in addition to any other written disclosure requirements in RCW 19.146.030, the mortgage broker or loan originator must make a written disclosure of the full transaction costs that will be incurred by the borrower if the mortgage broker receives a yield spread premium from the lender and the estimated yield spread premium, which shall be expressed as an exact dollar figure, not as a range of dollar figures.

Provides that the written disclosure must include required amortization schedules and appear on the good faith estimate and on any closing documents.

Requires any yield spread premium or equivalent compensation or gain paid between a mortgage broker and a lender prior to or after closing of a residential mortgage loan to be refunded directly to the borrower, if the amount of compensation is greater than the original good faith estimate provided under RCW 19.146.030.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 CPH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6508-S by Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Fraser, Murray, McDermott, and Morton)

Authorizing the creation of beach management districts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the creation of beach management districts. Provides that beach management districts addressing the control and removal of aquatic plants or vegetation must develop a plan for this activity, in consultation with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies. The plan must include an element addressing nutrient loading from land use activities in the subbasin that is tributary to the area targeted for management, and be consistent with the action agenda approved by the Puget Sound partnership, where applicable.

Requires the department of ecology, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, to provide technical assistance to community groups and county and city legislative authorities requesting assistance with the development of beach management programs and to develop a study and work

plan to address the problem of sea lettuce growth and proliferation in Puget Sound.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 WET - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 30 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 6870 by Senators Hargrove, Stevens, and Spanel

Encouraging the creation of new community public health and safety networks in areas with disbanded networks.

Requires the family policy council to encourage the formation of a new community public health and safety network in areas previously served by a disbanded network.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the family policy council.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6871 by Senator Hargrove

Regarding contracting for services provided to dependent children.

Provides that the department of social and health services conduct face-to-face meetings with children in out-of-home care and their caregivers every thirty days.

Provides that, for cases being managed by a private agency pursuant to a contract, the private agency shall conduct the thirty-day face-to-face visits with the child and the caregiver, and report to the department.

Provides that the department shall contract with private agencies to provide all supervised visitation and client transportation services and to conduct home studies for legally free children awaiting adoption.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6872 by Senators McDermott, Kohl-Welles, McAuliffe, Kline, and Marr

Enacting the community schools act of 2008.

Provides capital grant funds for the development of community schools and to convert empty school buildings into community facilities. Grants may be used for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of facilities to assist with the implementation of this act.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide a ten percent enhancement to the area cost allowance for school districts requesting state assistance under chapter 28A.525 RCW if the district can certify and provide documentation that they have a comprehensive plan for cooperative partnerships that include the joint use of school facilities for qualified services for the facility proposed for assistance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6873 by Senators Holmquist and Roach

Requiring a revote if the number of ballots counted and voters credited with voting cannot be reconciled.

Provides the procedures for counties to follow when there is a variance between the number of ballots counted and the number of voters credited with voting.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6874 by Senators Brown, Rockefeller, Kauffman, and Rasmussen; by request of Governor Gregoire

Gregoire

Regarding the Columbia river water delivery account.

Creates the Columbia river water delivery account in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

Provides, on July 1, 2008, and each July 1st thereafter for the duration of the agreements described in this act, the state treasurer shall transfer funds from the general fund into the Columbia river water delivery account in the amounts described in this act.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

SB 6875 by Senator Tom

Creating the condominium act governance task force.

Finds that many Washington residents are impacted by the laws governing condominium associations and that the provisions regulating condominium governance should be reviewed to ensure transparency and openness in condominium governance.

Establishes the condominium act governance task force.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Consumer Protection & Housing.

SB 6876 by Senator Stevens

Prioritizing existing funding for special safety corridor projects.

Prioritizes existing funding for special safety corridor projects with ten percent of the receipts from driver's license fees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6877 by Senator Stevens

Prioritizing existing funding for special safety corridor projects.

Prioritizes existing funding for special safety corridor projects with thirty percent of the receipts from retail sales taxes collected on retail car rentals.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6878 by Senator Stevens

Prioritizing existing funding for special safety corridor projects.

Prioritizes existing funding for special safety corridor projects with all receipts from a portion of replacement vehicle license plate fees.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6879 by Senators McAuliffe, Tom, McDermott, and Rasmussen

Regarding the joint task force on basic education finance.

Provides a deadline for the joint task force on basic education finance.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 6880 by Senators Benton, Roach, McCaslin, Honeyford, Stevens, Parlette, and Rasmussen

Excluding medical expenses for property tax exemption purposes from the income eligibility requirements for senior citizens, armed forces veterans, and persons retired because of disability.

Excludes medical expenses for property tax exemption purposes from the income eligibility requirements for persons sixty-one years of age or older, armed forces veterans with service-connected disabilities, and persons retired because of disability.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6881 by Senator Fraser

Abating environmental noise from nonhighway vehicles.

Modifies provisions related to noise violations by nonhighway vehicles.

Increases the penalty for violations related to off-road and nonhighway vehicles.

-- 2008 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.